

PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Philip James IONS ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Filed: September 15, 2006 )  
National Stage of International Application No. )  
PCT/AU2005/000389 under 35 U.S.C. 371, for )  
METHOD OF BUILDING A DIRECT )  
SMEILING PLANT )

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.